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SUBJ: RECENT FEDAYEEN ACTIVITY ON WEST BANK

REF: JERUSALEM 1638

1. SYRIAN PRESS IN SINGLE ARTICLE REPORTED

AUGUST 29 RECENT ACTIVITIES OF FEDAYEEN IN ISRAEL.

STORY IS BASED ENTIRELY ON NEWS AGENCY CLIPS FILED FROM

ISRAEL. MAIN THEME IS THAT ISRAELI OFFICIALS HAVE WARNED

CITIZENS TO BE VIGILANT AND TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS AGAINST

FEDAYEEN OPERATIONS.

2. ARTICLE REPORTS THAT FEDAYEEN, WHO ARE REFERRED TO AS

"PALESTINIAN REVOLUTIONARIES", BLEW UP FACTORY IN REGION OF

DIMONA ON AUGUST 26. IN ADDITION, THERE REPORTEDLY WAS A

VIOLENT FOUR-DAY CONFRONTATION BETWEEN AUGUST 23 AND 26 IN

NORTH JERICHO. A THIRD INCIDENT ALLEGEDLY TOOK PLACE

NEAR VILLAGE OF BENI NA'IM IN DISTRICT OF HEBRON WHEN

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"THE RESISTANCE" ATTACKED ISRAELI MILITARY CONVOY.

3. COMMENT: THIS ARTICLE ON FEDAYEEN ACTIVITY IN ISRAEL
IS FIRST SUCH ARTICLE TO APPEAR IN SYRIAN PRESS IN OVER
TWO WEEKS. WHILE THERE HAS BEEN ALMOST DAILY PRESS REPORTING
ON ISRAELI ACTIONS AGAINST LEBANON, COVERAGE OF FEDAYEEN
ACTIVITY WITHIN ISRAEL HAS BEEN LIMITED TO THREE ARTICLES
TWO OF WHICH APPEARED IN EARLY AUGUST AND THIS ONE TODAY.
ARTICLE PURPORTS PRESENT INCIDENTS AS FACTS. NO EDITORIAL
COMMENT.
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